

The activities covered by this review are the Rental Accessibility Modification Program (RAMP), the Alexandria Neighborhood Stabilization Program (ANSP), and the Home Loan Rehabilitation Program (HRLP).

RAMP uses CDBG funding to provide accessibility modifications to rental units occupied by low-and moderate-income tenants at no cost to the tenant or their landlord. These modifications can include the renovations of bathrooms and the installation of grab bars and comfort height toilets; altering or installing new sinks and vanities; replacing standard showers and baths with walk-in or roll-in showers and the installation of shower seats; and altering shower heads and controls. Other renovations can include kitchen modifications such as replacing cabinets, lowering sinks, installing stoves with front mounted controls, replacing standard refrigerators with ADA compliant units, and replacing drawer pull handles. Structural modifications to units include the widening of doorframes to allow the passage of wheelchairs, the lowering of shelving and clothing rods, the replacement of door handles, and the replacement of carpet with laminate or tile flooring. Exterior modifications can include the expansion of patio or balcony spaces, the installation of ramps or low-rise steps, the addition of handrails or guardrails, and the restriping of parking spaces. Ground disturbance is minimal and occurs in areas which have been extensively disturbed previously.

ANSP uses revolving HOME funds to purchase properties that are either in foreclosure or short sale and then renovate the interiors. The properties are then sold to qualifying first-time homebuyers. The possible renovations can include painting; drywall patching, repair, or replacement; flooring replacement; bathroom and/or kitchen plumbing fixture replacement; bathroom and/or kitchen tile replacement; bathroom and/or kitchen cabinet and countertop replacement; kitchen appliance replacement; light fixture replacement; and smoke/carbon monoxide detector replacement.

HRLP uses CDBG funding to rehabilitate condominiums, row houses, townhouses and single-family homes occupied by low- and moderate-income homeowners. The aims of the HLRP are to bring properties up to code, increase accessibility, increase livability and extend the life of the property. To do this, a wide variety of rehabilitation activities may be undertaken. Exterior repairs may be any of the following: roof repairs/replacements; fascia, rake, and soffit repair/replacement; gutter and downspout replacement; chimney and chimney cap repair/replacement; metal flue installations, repairs, or replacements; high-efficiency furnace and boiler chimney installation; HVAC condensing coil installation; electrical work to replace service cables and meter boxes; siding, window, door, and trim replacements; storm door installation or replacement; transom repairs/replacements; masonry repair and repointing; exterior light fixture installation or replacement; retaining wall repairs and installations; foundation underpinning; foundation repairs, repointing, and damp proofing; concrete pads for patios and storage sheds; sidewalk repairs and installations; step, stoop, and stair repair/replacements; handrail and guardrail repairs/replacements; fence installations, repairs, or removals; and the installation of wheelchair access ramps or wheelchair lifts. Interior repairs may be any of the following: water heater repair/replacement; basement and foundation repair; bathroom waterproofing, including the installation of sub-slab drainage tile and sump pumps; water and/or sewer line repair/replacement; floor replacement, repair, or refinishing; HVAC system repair/replacement; replacement of plumbing fixtures such as showerheads, faucets, and toilets; electrical repairs, including breaker and fuse replacements and upgrades; insulation installation; drywall or plaster repair/replacement; painting; asbestos and lead remediation; mold remediation; light fixture and smoke/carbon monoxide detector replacement; kitchen and/or bathroom tile repair/replacement; kitchen and/or bathroom cabinet and

countertop repair/replacement; kitchen appliance repair/replacement; reconfiguring interior spaces for greater accessibility; adding a bedroom and/bathroom for greater accessibility; installing an interior stair lift; and installing accessibility modifications such as grab bars, shower seats, and lowered light switches. Ground disturbance only occurs to the extent necessary to effect repair or replacement work and occurs in areas which have been disturbed previously.